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FOLLOWING REPEAT BANGKOK 14232 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
PHNOM PENH USUN SEP 4TH.

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 14232

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE AT UNGA

REF: A. STATE 192560; B. STATE 192437

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION RAISED WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY
PHAEN WANNAMETHI THE MATTER OF CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE UNGA
ON THE MONRNING OF SEPTEMBER 4, INFORMING HIM THAT THE SECRETARY
HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE TO POSTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
TO PUT U.S. WEIGHT FULLY BEHIND EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE GKR FROM
LOSING ITS SEAT IN THE U.N. DCM SAID HE KNEW THAILAND WAS TAKING
AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT WE BELIEVED THE THAI
COULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN WE IN MANY CASES, PARTICULARLY
WITH OTHER ASIAN NATIONS. HE SAID THE LEADERSHIP ROLE BEING
TAKEN BY AMBASSADOR ANAN WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON
AND NEW YORK WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AND MUCH APPRECIATED.
DCM ALSO ASSURED PHAEN THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO
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WORK CLOSELY WITH THAI REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON

AND BANGKOK TO ACHIEVE OUR JOINT OBJECTIVE.

2. THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAILAND WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MATTER, AND WAS SEEKING A FORMULA TO BRING ABOUT A POSTPONEMENT OF THE VOTE UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID VARIOUS AVENUES WERE BEING EXPLORED, AND THAT THE THAI BELIEVED THAT THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A U.N. FACT-FINDING COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION MIGHT BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING THE POSTPONEMENT. HE ASSURED THE DCM THAT THAILAND WOULD BE WORKING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO ATTAIN THIS IMPORTANT GOAL.

3. ON THE SAME DAY, ANOTHER MFA OFFICIAL TOLD AN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER THAT THE ASEAN DEPUTY SECRETARIES IN KUALA LUMPUR (AUGUST 19-20) HAD DECIDED TO TRY TO POSTPONE A VOTE ON THE GKR CREDENTIALS UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THEY DETERMINED, HOWEVER, TO LEAVE THE FORMULATION OF A CONCRETE PROPOSAL TO THE ASEAN COUNTRIES' PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AT THE U.N. IN NEW YORK. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THE RTG HAS NO PROPOSAL OF ITS OWN, AND ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. HAD A PREFERRED COURSE OF ACTION ON THE GKR CREDENTIALS ISSUE. THE EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO SPECIFIC PROPOSAL OF OUR OWN, THAT WE HOPED THE ASEAN COUNTRIES WILL TAKE THE LEAD, AND THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD POSTPONE THE VOTE.

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